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PHOTO-OP WITH COMMISSIONER PAUL GIELEGHEM

What: Paul Gieleghem and Jeanne Walker will be presented with awards for championing a state law requiring all ambulances to carry life-saving shots to combat allergic reactions. The awards are from a nationwide organizations, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network and will be presented by Elizabeth Gellatly from the local Macomb County chapter of the Food Allergic Children Education and Support of Michigan (FACES)

Who: Paul Gieleghem, D-Clinton Township, is a Macomb County commissioner and former State Representative. He sponsored the 2003 law requiring ambulances to carry Epi Pens.

Jeanne Walker is a Fraser resident whose daughter has a severe allergy to peanuts. She brought the need for the law to Gieleghem's attention.

When: 9:45 a.m. Friday, June 10

Where: MedStar Ambulance, 380 N. Gratiot Ave., Clinton Township

Background: An Epi Pen is a single dose shot of Epinephrine used to treat severe allergic reactions. Before the law, only advanced life support units would carry the pens.